

Abstract

A safe toy balloon and a method for making same are provided. The safe toy balloon includes an elastomeric inflatable member having an exterior surface, an interior surface, a neck portion and a body portion; and a safety coating formed on portions of the one or more of the surfaces of the inflatable member, the safety coating consisting essentially of repulsive taste agent for making uninflated and inflated balloons safer from risk of ingestion injuries or possible death from asphyxiation. The method of producing a safe toy balloon including (a) providing a dipping assembly containing at least one toy balloon material supporting mandrel; (b) providing a bank of vats, including at least one vat containing liquid toy balloon material; (c) coating the at least one toy balloon material supporting mandrel with a repulsive taste agent to achieve a repulsive taste coated mandrel; and (d) dipping the repulsive taste coated mandrel into the at least one vat containing liquid toy balloon material to form a toy balloon having a repulsive interior coating from the repulsive taste coated mandrel.